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(CPD) FOR FY 1979 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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1. HERewith IS EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO REFTel (A).

A. JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM. THE UNITED STATES HAS THREE
BROAD FOREIGN POLICY GOALS IN HAITI: (1) TO IMPROVE OBSERVANCE
OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE GOH; (2) TO ALLEVIATE HAITI'S POVERTY
AND UNDER DEVELOPMENT; AND (3) TO DIMINISH HAITI'S TRADITIO-
NAL ISOLATION AND ENCOURAGE ITS GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN THE
REGION. OUR LIMITED AND CAREFULLY CIRCUMSCRIBED SECURITY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRIBUTES TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL THESE
GOALS. FIRST, OUR PROGRAM WAS REINSTITUTED IN RESPONSE TO AN
IMPROVED HAITIAN RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND IS A CARROT WHICH
ENCOURAGES CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. SECOND, IT
PROVIDES US WITH BETTER ACCESS TO AND INFLUENCE WITH THE
POLITICALLY IMPORTANT MILITARY LEADERSHIP. OUR TRAINING COURSES

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IN TURN IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES
AND MAKE THEM MORE SENSITIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE
COUNTRY AS WELL AS BETTER ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR
SOLUTION. THIRD, OUR PROGRAM EXPOSES THE OFFICERS AND MEN WITH
WHOM WE HAVE CONTACT TO A BROADER VISION OF HAITI'S ROLE IN
THE REGION AND TO UP-TO-DATE METHODS AND TECHNIQUES.

OUR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN HAITI CONSIST ABOVE ALL IN MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY WHICH LIES ACROSS THE WINDWARD PASSAGE FROM A HOSTILE CUBA. OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCES THE WILLINGNESS OF THE HAITIAN MILITARY TO COOPERATE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA INCLUDING OUR EFFORTS TO INTERDICT DRUG TRAFFICKERS. BY DESIGN OUR PROGRAM CONTRIBUTES IN NO WAY TO INTERNAL SECURITY OR PARA-MILITARY CAPABILITY. IT IS ESSENTIALLY RESTRICTED TO IMPROVING HAITI'S SEA/AIR RESCUE CAPACITY AND COASTAL NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. WHEN ACCOMPLISHED IT WILL INCREASE THE SAFETY OF ALL MARINERS IN THE AREA AND EASE THE CURRENT BURDEN ON THE U.S. COAST GUARD.

DESPITE THE SPLINTERED NATURE OF THE HAITIAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, THE ARMED FORCES REMAIN A DOMINANT FORCE IN HAITIAN SOCIETY. THE MILITARY WOULD EXERT A DECISIVE INFLUENCE IN THE EVENT OF ANY UNEXPECTED CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT. THEY CAN AND DO INFLUENCE THE PACE OF CHANGE IN THE COUNTRY. THAT INFLUENCE IS LARGELY LOYALIST, CONSERVATIVE AND SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS OF THE U.S., ALTHOUGH THE INCEPTION OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS LED TO AN ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICIES INCLUDING OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. BARRING A CLEAR REVERSAL OF THE RECENT POSITIVE TREND IN HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE, WE FEEL THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVES A VARIETY OF SPECIFIC U.S. INTERESTS AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

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B. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM. THE PROPOSED SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HAITI IN FISCAL YEAR 1978 CONSISTS OF GRANT-AID INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMET) AND FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CREDIT.

(1) IMET - THE PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY AND TO DEVELOP A CADRE OF PERSONNEL TRAINED IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS. PROPOSED TRAINING IS FOR CONUS SCHOOLS ONLY. NO OVERSEAS TRAINING IS PLANNED FOR FY 79. SEE ADP DATA IN LAST PARAGRAPH.

(2) FMS CREDIT - THE PROPOSED FY 1979 FMS CREDIT WOULD ASSIST THE HAITIANS IN DEVELOPING THEIR CAPABILITY FOR SEA AND AIR RESCUE BY PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. EXPECTED PURCHASES INCLUDE BUOYS, COASTAL NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND AN ATA TUG OR SIMILAR BOAT TO SERVE AS A BUOY TENDER AND RESCUE VESSEL.

(3) FMS AND/OR COMMERCIAL PURCHASES - FMS AND/OR

COMMERCIAL PURCHASES ARE EXPECTED TO BE LIMITED TO A MODEST NUMBER OF TRUCKS AND SMALL ARMS. AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS FOR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT ALREADY ON HAND WILL COMPRISE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR PURCHASES.

(4) ARMS CONTROL IMPACT STATEMENT - THE SMALL PROPOSED SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HAITI POSES NO ARMS CONTROL PROBLEMS IN THE AREA. THEIR PURCHASES TO DATE HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO A RELATIVELY FEW HAND GUNS AND SMALL ARMS ANNUALLY.

C. FOLLOWING IS ADP DATA FOR IMET TRAINING:

B177009 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE) SHOULD BE LISTED PRIOR TO EACH COURSE BELOW.

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B144554 MOTOR OFFICER 1
B121356 QM OFFICER, BASIC 1
B121065 ENGINEER OFFICER, BASIC 2
B171066 ENGINEER OFFICER, ADVANCED 1
B132443 COMM EQUIP REPAIR 2
B132456 TELETYPEWRITER EQUIP REPAIR 1
B144553 TRACK VEHICLE MECH 1
B171766 CGS PREP 1
B171768 COMMAND & GEN STAFF OFF 1
B142292 SMALL ARMS REPAIR 2
B151854 ADMIN SYS ANAL-DESIGN ANAL 1
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B162511 PERSONNEL MGT (NON US) 1
 B169901 OJT ADMIN TNG 2
 B141100 RECIP ENGINE MECH 2
 D141042 ACFT ELECT SYS SPEC 2
 D152008 SUPPLY MGT STAFF OFF 1
 D141104 AIRFRAME REP SPEC 2
 D141168 CORROSION CONTROL SPEC 2
 D141169 CORROSION CONTROL OJT 2
 D122023 SAFETY SPEC/FGN 1
 D152007 SUPPLY OPNS OFF 1
 D161010 ADMIN MGT & EXEC SUPT 1
 D171003 SOS 1
 D171007 NCO ACADEMY 2
 D177006 ENG LANG INST 1
 D178047 GND SAFETY OFF 1
 P124008 LEADERSHIP & MGT FOR OFF 3
 P148006 MACHINERY REPR CLASS A 2
 P148002 PRECISION GRINDING 2
 P145090 MK NC2 PLOT MOD 1 A SPERRY 2
 P129404 PATROL GUNBOAT ENG SYS OP/MT 2
 P122206 AIDS TO NAV BASIC/MINOR 2
 P122201 SEARCH & RESCUE 2

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P164004 OFF INDOC BASIC 2
 P145095 CLASS C WELDING 1
 P148018 PLATE WELDER 1
 P148010 HEAT TRMT METALS 1
 P148021 HULL TECH PH I 1
 P148022 HULL TECH PH II 1
 P148023 HULL TECH PH III 1
 P152007 FGN OFF SUPPLY 1
 P1520JT OJT SUPPLY 1
 P162003 INT DEF MGT CRSE 1
 P162004 SR INT DEF MGT CRSE 1
 P165001 YEOMAN CLA 1
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